GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:101
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2002
POPULATION OF TIGERS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;RAMCHANDRA PASWAN;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of tigers in the country is declining at an alarming rate as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any latest census have been made in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/ National Park-wise/ Zoological Park-wise;

(e) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase the population of tigers in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) & (b) The article dated 15.6.2002 in Hindustan Times mentions that the populution of tigers in Rajasthan has been constant since 1997. According to reports received from State Government the population of tigers in Rajasthan is in around 58.

(c) & (d)During 2001-02 all India Tiger estimation has been conducted but so far reports from only 10 States have been received. The estimated population of tigers in these States is at Annexure-I. Estimation of tiger population national park wise is not available. The number of tigers in zoological parks is at Annexure-II.

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. The steps taken by Government of India are as follows :

i) Legal protection has been provided to wild animals including tigers against hunting and commercial exploitation under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) act. 1972.

ii) Financial and technical help is being extended to the States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for enhancing thecapacity and infrastructure to provide effective protection to wild animals.

iii) Central. Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been empowered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to apprehend and prosecute wildlife offenders

iv) A Special Coordination and Enforcement Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Secretary (Environment and Forests), Government of India for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(v) In the recent meeting of Indian Board on Wildlife, it was resolved to declare the wildlife and forest as a priority sector and fill up all the vacant posts of the frontline staff immediately and also to provide basic infrastructure necessary for efficient discharge of duties by them.

Annexure 1

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101TO BE ANSWERED ON 2002 REGARDING POPULATION OF TIGERS

POPULATION OF TIGERS IN THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED BY THE STATES

S.NO. NAME OF THE STATE 2001-02

1 TAMIL NADU 60
2 MAHARASHTRA 238

3 WEST BENGAL 349
4 ASSAM 354
5 RAJASTHAN 58
6 UTTAR PRADESH 284
7 ANDHRA PRADESH 192
8 MIZORAM 4
9 ORISSA 173
10. UTTARANCHAL 251

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT OF PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 101TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-07-2002 REGARDING POPULATION OF TIGERS

Tiger Status during the year 2001-2002

Name of the Zoo Location State Animal Name Total

ALIPORE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN CALCUTTA WEST BENGAL Tiger Bengal (White) 5
ALIPORE ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN CALCUTTA WEST BENGAL Tiger Bengal 9
ARIGNAR ANNA ZOOLOGICAL PARK VANDALUR TAMIL NADU Tiger Bengal 13
ASSAM STATE ZOO CUM BOTANICAL GARDEN GUWAHATI ASSAM Tiger Bengal 3
ASSAM STATE ZOO CUM BOTANICAL GARDEN GUWAHATI ASSAM Tiger Bengal (White) 1
AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL ZOO AURANGABAD MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal (White) 8
AURANGABAD MUNICIPAL ZOO AURANGABAD MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 0
BELLARY CHILDRENS PARK-CUM-ZOO BELLARY KARNATAKA Tiger Bengal 3
BHAGWAN BIRSA BIOLOGICAL PARK RANCHI JHARKHAND Tiger Bengal 0
BIKANER ZOO BIKANER RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal 4
GANDHI ZOOLOGICAL PARK GWALIOR MADHYA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 4
INDIRA GANDHI ZOOLOGICAL PARK VISAKHAPATNAM ANDHRA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 8
ITANAGAR ZOOLOGICAL PARK ITANAGAR ARUNACHAL PR. Tiger Bengal 3
JAIPUR ZOO JAIPUR RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal (White) 2
JAIPUR ZOO JAIPUR RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal 4
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU BIOLOGICAL PARK BOKARO JHARKHAND Tiger Bengal 6
JODHPUR ZOO JODHPUR RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal 2
KAMLA NEHRU PRANI SANGHRAHALAY ZOO INDORE MADHYA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 4
KAMLA NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AHEMADABAD GUJARAT Tiger Bengal 4
KAMLA NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN AHEMADABAD GUJARAT Tiger Bengal (White) 1
KANAN PANDARI BILASPUR CHATISGARH Tiger Bengal 2
KANPUR ZOOLOGICAL PARK KANPUR UTTAR PRADESH Tiger Bengal 3
KOTA ZOO KOTA RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal 8
LUCKNOW PRANI UDYAN LUCKNOW UTTAR PRADESH Tiger Bengal (White) 4
LUCKNOW PRANI UDYAN LUCKNOW UTTAR PRADESH Tiger Bengal 3
MAHARAJA SHAHAJI CHHATRAPATI ZOO KOLHAPUR MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 2
MAHATMA GANDHI RASTRIYA UDYAN ZOO SOLAPUR MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 2
MAHENDRA CHAUDHURY ZOOLOGICAL PARK CHHATBIR PUNJAB Tiger Bengal 27
MAITRI BAAGH ZOO BHILAI CHATISGARH Tiger Bengal (White) 10
MAITRI BAAGH ZOO BHILAI CHATISGARH Tiger Bengal 8
MINI ZOO,PIPLI PIPLI HARYANA Tiger Bengal 1
NANDANKANAN BIOLOGICAL PARK BHUBANESWAR ORISSA Tiger Bengal 20
NANDANKANAN BIOLOGICAL PARK BHUBANESWAR ORISSA Tiger Bengal (White) 14

NATIONAL PARK, BANNERGHATTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN BANNERGHATTA KARNATAKA Tiger Bengal 27

NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK DELHI DELHI Tiger Bengal (White) 7
NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK DELHI DELHI Tiger Bengal 4
NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL PARK HYDERABAD ANDHRA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 14
NEHRU ZOOLOGICAL PARK HYDERABAD ANDHRA PRADESH Tiger Bengal (White) 6

RAJIV GANDHI ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal (White) 3

RAJIV GANDHI ZOOLOGICAL PARK AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTRE MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 4

RAJKOT MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ZOO RAJKOT GUJARAT Tiger Bengal 6
ROHTAK ZOO ROHTAK HARYANA Tiger Bengal 1
SAKKARBAUG ZOO JUNAGARH GUJARAT Tiger Bengal 4
SAKKARBAUG ZOO JUNAGARH GUJARAT Tiger Bengal (White) 1
SANJAY GANDHI BIOLOGICAL PARK PATNA BIHAR Tiger Bengal (White) 1
SANJAY GANDHI BIOLOGICAL PARK PATNA BIHAR Tiger Bengal 2
SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK BORIVALI (EAST) MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal (White) 6
SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK BORIVALI (EAST) MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 0
SAYAJI BAUG ZOO VADODARA GUJARAT Tiger Bengal 2
SEPAHIJALA ZOOLOGICAL PARK SEPAHIJALA TRIPURA Tiger Bengal 0
SRI CHAMARAJENDRA ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS MYSORE KARNATAKA Tiger Bengal (White) 4
SRI CHAMARAJENDRA ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS MYSORE KARNATAKA Tiger Bengal 6
SRI VENKATESWARA ZOOLOGICAL PARK TIRUPATI ANDHRA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 6
TATA STEEL ZOOLOGICAL PARK JAMSHEDPUR JHARKHAND Tiger Bengal 4

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ZOO THIRUVANAN- KERALA Tiger Bengal 5
THAPURAM

TIGER & LION SAFARI, THYYAREKOPPA SHIMOGA KARNATAKA Tiger Bengal 21
TIGER SAFARI LUDHIANA PUNJAB Tiger Bengal 6
UDAIPUR ZOO UDAIPUR RAJASTHAN Tiger Bengal 4
V.O.C. PARK MINI ZOO COIMBATORE TAMIL NADU Tiger Bengal 1
VAN VIHAR NATIONAL PARK BHOPAL MADHYA PRADESH Tiger Bengal (White) 2
VAN VIHAR NATIONAL PARK BHOPAL MADHYA PRADESH Tiger Bengal 9
VEERMATA JIJABAI BHOSALE UDYAN & ZOO MUMBAI MAHARASHTRA Tiger Bengal 2

Grant Total 346